

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS.

Yesterday's bank clearings were \$7,543,110; balances, \$95,002. Local discount rates were from 1/2 to 5/8 and 6 per cent. Domestic exchange rates were as follows: New York 30 days premium bid, 40c premium asked; Chicago 30 days premium bid, 40c premium asked; Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans the discount bid, 1/2c premium asked.

Wheat closed lower at 75c bid Sept; 75c bid No. 2 red, corn closed lower at 50c bid Sept; 50c bid No. 2 mixed, oats closed at 32c bid Sept; 32c bid No. 2 mixed.

The local market for spot cotton was unchanged.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Troopers tonight kept heavy full business, according to reports from buyers.

E. J. Arnold results before Referee Cates and James L. A. Gil for the get-rich-quick concoction's failure.

Incorporate John J. Wilson, 11 years old, was put in a small jacket to remove her to the House of Refuge. She had scratched and kicked the City Hospital attendants.

The question of Henry T. Wilson, holding two jobs—Police Judge and Town Treasurer—was considered before the Board of Aldermen of Webster Groves, which referred the matter to the Council.

Warrant was issued against Henry C. Johnson, a coal dealer, charging him with assaulting James Cates, 14 years old.

Commissioner men used telegraph companies for refusing to deliver cotton exchange quotations.

Circuit Attorney Folk will depart this morning to address the old soldiers' reunion at New Florence, Mo. State editors reported increased enthusiasm for Folk for Governor.

Colorado will exhibit at the World's Fair gold medals worth \$100,000. Charles M. Reeves straightened out the trouble of the commission.

Licenses Collector Clifford's receipts for July amounted to \$24,000, breaking all records.

Ferdinand Blankenship is believed to be in Kansas City.

The proposition to repair Lindell boulevard caused a lively hearing at the B. P. I. meeting, in which Mayor Wells appeared as a private citizen.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

Ben W. Stearns, the one-armed prisoner who made a daring escape from the Federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, was captured by a posse near Richmond, Mo., after being shot in the leg.

A Reciprocity Club is in process of organization at St. Joseph, Mo., by employers and employees, as a means to adjust the differences between capital and labor.

Sheriff Floyd of Bond County, Illinois, prevents the lynching of three peddlers who had been arrested by a posse of farmers on the charge of assault.

Labor Treasurer Murphy of New York is sentenced to five years in State's Prison.

Bordell's comet has developed four tails and is growing more.

Governor Yates orders Illinois troops to remain on guard at Danville.

Georgia Legislature will investigate charge of juggling in defeat of the child labor bill.

Dora Clay-Brock wants Clay will be protected, and uses railroad company for death of second husband.

The women of Maryville, Kas., determined that the new Christian Church, now building, shall be completed speedily, march to the edifice and nail on the laths for the planters, who had been delayed, as there were no men to do the work.

Samuel Spaulding, the oldest bank president in the United States, died at Lebanon, Ky., where he had been in the banking business for sixty years.

The monthly report shows a balance in the Missouri Treasury of \$2,520,256.51.

A bridge across the Willamette River at Portland, Ore., gave way under a crowd and three persons, at least, are drowned.

Tom L. Johnson is after Senator Hanna's scalp and the latter is worried.

"Mother" Jones writes the third letter on child labor to President Roosevelt, and declares she will force him to a declaration of position.

SPORTING.

Pittsburg defeats Cardinals by a score of 6 to 3.

Winners at Delmar yesterday were: Eddie Birch, Rainald, Kittle Out a Dash, Nearest, Josie P. and Northern Sky.

Chief of Police Williams of San Francisco states that the Corbett-Jeffries boxing bout will be under police surveillance.

Brown wins from Detroit by score of 10 to 3.

Lon Dillon lowers his trotting record to 2:02, only half a second from the world's record set by Ceresus. She would have equaled the record but for a heavy wind.

Marine Intelligence.

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REPAVING LINCOLN
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Mayor Wells Confronted by Protesting Property Owners at B. P. I. Meeting

NEED OF PAVEMENT SHOWN.

W. R. Donaldson Is Threatened With Ejectment and a Woman Tries to Shake Her Finger in Phillips's Face.

At a meeting of the Board of Public Improvement yesterday, when the public hearing was held in regard to the proposed reconstruction of Lincoln boulevard, the room was crowded with property owners, most of whom did not want the street improved at all.

In the twenty-four hearings the board has passed upon for the reconstruction of streets in various parts of the city, the only objection raised, except in the Lindell boulevard case, has been "start the work sooner," Secretary Edwards states.

Joseph P. Whyte, the Harbor and Wharf Commissioner, characterized the kickers as a good type of the old St. Louis "who were still attempting to retard improvements, while others all around them were anxious for them."

Mayor Wells appeared before the board as a private citizen and resident of the street. He said that the condition of the thoroughfare he lived on was a disgrace to the city, and something should be done at once, as it is one of the main arteries leading to the World's Fair grounds.

He was not there to argue for any particular kind of pavement, but for improvements of some kind, to be made quickly, he said. He also stated that in his opinion any person who lived on the street and could not afford to pay his share of the cost ought to move off the street.

William R. Donaldson of No. 469 Lindell boulevard attended the meeting, having a manuscript prepared, which he read to the board. Whether he finished it is not known.

President Phillips explained to him that the annual cost to the city at present to keep the street in repair is \$12,000, and that the property owners have the choice of asphalt, bituminous macadam or creosoted wood blocks.

Donaldson closed his remarks by attacking the board. He said that he thought they were the creatures of the contractors and hinted at ulterior motives as a reason for wanting to improve the street.

President Phillips tried in vain to call him to order. Donaldson said that this was a free country, and that he was entitled to say what he pleased.

One woman became so wrought up during the argument that she interrupted the speaker and attempted to shake her fist in the face of President Phillips of the board.

Comptroller Whyte declared that it was just as free for him to resent the speaker's remarks and moved that Donaldson be ejected from the room. This motion was seconded by Park Commissioner Aull, but before the sergeant-at-arms could be called Donaldson had fled.

Among others to protest against the improvement of the street were George D. Reynolds, M. R. Collins, Francis Edwards, and others.

The question was referred to the Committee on Streets, which must wait fifteen days for instructions before it can be filed, which the board will consider.

At the end of that time the board may send another ordinance to the Municipal Assembly specifying the kind of material it if it thinks that improvements are necessary, regardless of remonstrances.

JOHNSON AFTER HANNA'S SCALP

Senator Calls Republicans for Campaign Conference.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Cincinnati, O., July 31.—Senator Hanna arrived home unexpectedly this morning, and was soon in conference with business associates. It is said his return was prompted by business, but Democrats intimate that worry over the political activity of Tom L. Johnson was the cause.

Mr. Johnson began his political campaign yesterday in Canton, by inducing the Democrats of Stark county to nominate his campaign for the Legislature. He has expressed his determination to go after the Republican scalp. Senator Hanna will meet the Republican leader when the campaign will be laid.

CRUSHED BY AN ELEVATOR.

John W. Austin, 58 Years Old, Is Seriously Injured.

John W. Austin, employed at Butler Bros' Mercantile Company, Thirtieth street and Washington, avenue, was seriously injured by being caught between the elevator and the ceiling at that establishment yesterday afternoon. Two of Austin's ribs were crushed and he was hurt internally. The accident occurred while Austin was attempting to look out of the elevator.

Dr. Moore attended Austin. He was later removed to the Missouri Hospital. Austin is 58 years old and lives at 200 and 1/2 Finney avenue.

CONVICT CHASE IS ABANDONED.

Civilians and Militia Tired Out by Fruitless Search.

Placerville, Cal., July 31.—Twelve of the desperadoes who escaped from the Folsom Penitentiary are still at large, and to-day's developments indicate that the officers have become weary of their fruitless search.

Following false clues through a rough country under a hot sun has exhausted both civilians and militia. Late to-day Governor Pardee issued an order withdrawing the Placerville company of the National Guard from the chase, and reports have been received that many members of the Sheriff's posse are returning to their homes.

All trace of the outlaws appears to have been lost, and the prospect of their capture is more remote than ever.

NO REPORT ON GARBAGE BILL.

House Committee Takes No Action on Investigation Measure.

The Committee on Sanitary Affairs failed to make a report on the garbage investigation bill in the House last night. Chairman O'Brien got to the meeting early, and "found" all in the committee's box, but as only four of the members were present the report was deferred until next Friday.

At the meeting the committee will hold a special meeting Wednesday afternoon. Lackland introduced a bill authorizing the city to vacate Thirtieth street between Cherokee and Broadway. This is not in Lackland's ward, and when questioned as to what it was for he said that he wanted the ground to start a bootblack stand on.

The Belcher water bath bill was received from the Council and given its first reading. The House adjourned for one week.

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O'Keefe, Favorite in the Betting, Weighs in Almost Ten Pounds Above Limit.

BRITT OBJECTS DECIDEDLY.

Would Not Mind Giving a Pound or Two, He Says, but Is Not Ready to Meet a Well-Weighted in the Ring.

San Francisco, Cal., July 31.—The Britt-O'Keefe fight, scheduled to take place at Mechanics' Pavilion to-night, was declared off. O'Keefe, who was a 140-lb. shot in the betting, weighed in at 150 pounds to-night, almost ten pounds overweight.

Britt insists that he would not fight a welter weight, and, although efforts were made to get him to agree to fight the overweighted pugilist, he would not consent to such a proposition, as he has already lost two questionable decisions to O'Keefe.

Jimmy Britt said to-night: "I did not sign to meet a welter weight; I signed to fight O'Keefe at 135 pounds, and am ready and willing to meet him at that weight. I would even give him the advantage of one or two pounds, but cannot take my reputation and the money of my friends by going into the ring with a man of O'Keefe's ability who weighs ten pounds more than I."